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SUBJECT: Update on PKK Violence (July 16-23, 2008)

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¶1. (SBU) This is another in a series of weekly reports on PKK violence in Turkey. Our primary source is the Turkish General Staff (TGS) website, which documents contacts and clashes with the PKK, as well as casualties incurred.

¶2. (U) During the July 16-23, 2008 reporting period, two security officials were killed in clashes and another was injured by an IED. The total number of security force casualties for the year through July 23, 2008, was 58 killed and 94 injured.

¶3. (U) During the same period, seven PKK terrorists were killed in clashes and two were captured. According to official TGS website figures, through the third week of July, the number of PKK militants killed this year was 552, the number of those captured was 112, and the number of those who surrendered was 89.

¶4. (U) The PKK released on July 20, the three German tourists that it kidnapped on Mount Ararat on July 8. One civilian was injured by an IED in Eruh, Siirt on July 17. The total number of civilian casualties for the year through the end of the third week of July was 18 killed, with another 68 wounded.

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